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One Army Day...

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Preserving your security
every day



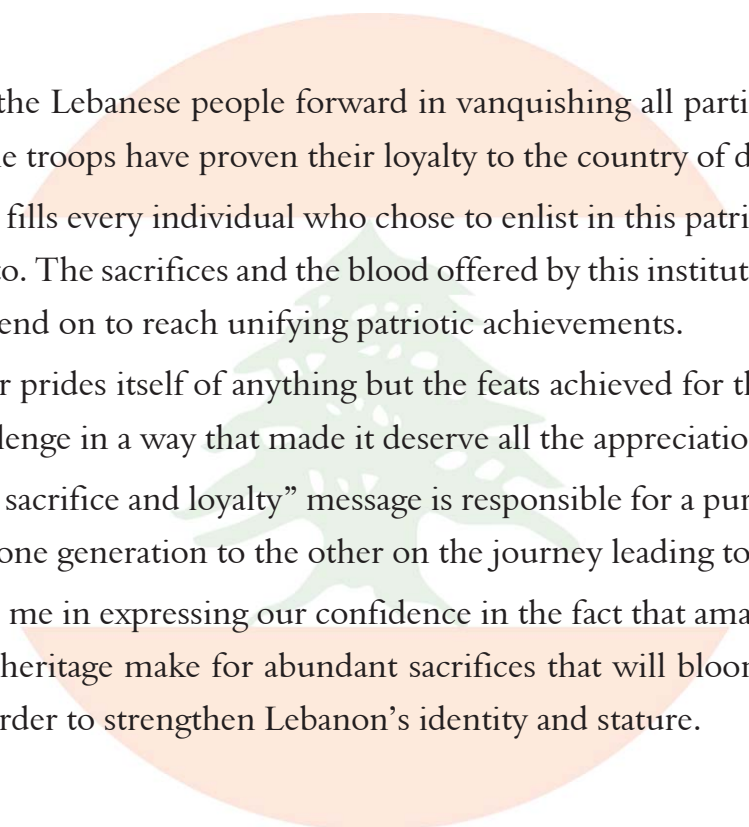




Introduction of His Excellency the President of the Republic General Michel Aoun

On the 73rd Army Day, the Military Institution remains the impregnable fortress of a sovereign nation that is forever entrenched in its surrounding region and in the world. The Lebanese people have for long resorted to this Institution in search of a strong and sound nation where valiant men stood to defend the borders fearlessly. The sacrifices of this institution make an ever-flowing river that our country depends on to overcome the ever-growing difficulties and to vanquish the grave dangers of confronting the Israeli enemy and eradicating the threat of terrorism altogether.

Today, as the officers of “Dawn of the Outskirts” are leaving the Military Academy to be deployed in all the corners of the nation, the Military Institution continues to gather the values of patriotic affiliation. It persists in being steadfast in the belief in Lebanon just as the Lebanese remain strongly attached to this institution that is distinguished thanks to its achievements in terms of promoting solidarity and concurrence. Based on the doctrine of relying on its own resources and capabilities, the Military Institution sends a message of pride in the feats that it achieved no matter how important these achievements may be. While giving sacrifices for Lebanon time and time again in the peak of challenges, the troops devote themselves as officers and soldiers to safeguard our land.



They push Lebanon and the Lebanese people forward in vanquishing all parties lurking in the shadows to do us harm and thus the troops have proven their loyalty to the country of diversity and uniqueness.

The sense of courage that fills every individual who chose to enlist in this patriotic institution sets an example that many look up to. The sacrifices and the blood offered by this institution make an inexhaustible resource that we may depend on to reach unifying patriotic achievements.

The Lebanese Army never prides itself of anything but the feats achieved for the sake of Lebanon where it mastered the art of challenge in a way that made it deserve all the appreciation and acclaims.

The bearer of the “honor, sacrifice and loyalty” message is responsible for a pure and eternal mission that is being transferred from one generation to the other on the journey leading toward honor.

The Lebanese people join me in expressing our confidence in the fact that amassing the achievements of the Military Institution’s heritage make for abundant sacrifices that will bloom in the form of strength that we may resort to in order to strengthen Lebanon’s identity and stature.



Introduction of His Excellency, the Minister of National Defense, Yaacoub Riad el Sarraf

Today, all the Lebanese stand to pay tribute to the people of honor, sacrifice and loyalty.

Today, all women, men, children and elderly stand in tribute and appreciation to the heroic deeds of the Lebanese soldiers.

Today, we will remember those who engraved their names on the coat of arms of glory with the blood of martyrdom.

Every day, we bow to the efforts of our army aimed at maintaining security and stability throughout the country.

On this day of sheer dignity, I would like to congratulate the President of the Republic, General Michel Aoun, the helmsman of the ship, the leadership of the army, all officers and members of the Lebanese Army and their families.

Special thoughts to the families of the martyrs who gave their lives in order to protect our country and to make it possible for us to live in safety, peace & pride.



Introduction of the Armed Forces Commander General Joseph Aoun

73 years have passed while the Army was persistently achieving one bright feat after the other. Feats that held strong significances and deep meanings in the history of the nation. If the 1st of August is the day that we chose to celebrate the Army Day where the hearts of all Lebanese countrymen are joined together in a way to renew the appreciation and deep confidence in the military institution, each day in the lives of our troops is a new occasion to rejoice in a sincere patriotic commitment and limitless sacrifice to safeguard the security and safety of the citizens. The last few years have brought numerous changes, incidents and stages, however, an irrefutable fact stood bright and overcame the obstacles of time and dangerous threats. It is the fact that Lebanon, this extraordinary country in every sense of the word has stood up repeatedly following each crisis and vanquished all the tests it faced and prevailed stronger than ever while the Lebanese people carried on empowered with additional confidence and belief in their country.

On the Army Day, we would like to renew our pride in our honorable heritage while remembering the blood of the martyrs and wounded soldiers that will forever remain engraved in our hearts. We confirm that we will persist on being the guardians of Lebanon and its inclusive humanitarian message in the confrontation with the Israeli enemy and the terrorist threat.

We vow before the fellow citizens of our beloved country that their security will be the target that we will be aiming to achieve throughout the days.

Order of the Day

Fellow Troops

The 73rd Army Day comes upon us this year, adorned with accomplishments highlighted with the defeat of terrorists. The Lebanese Armed Forces succeeded during this year in halting terrorist acts and arresting numerous individuals among them through preemptive and security operations.

Significant positive results were achieved thanks to the measures taken with the aim of controlling smuggling attempts through several illegal passages. The decision is clear: to carry on with this work at an escalating pace and to increase the measures required during the missions assigned to the Lebanese Armed Forces with the aim of preserving security and stability.

Fellow Troops

The Arab region is witnessing several thorny crises and bloody conflicts, in light of major changes that will undoubtedly have their repercussions on our country. Therefore, I call on you to be further vigilant in order to maintain your absolute preparedness and guarantee the nation's unity as well as its civil peace and the safety of its land.

Lebanon has achieved a sweeping victory over terrorism. Nevertheless, this does not mean that it is now safe, for the Israeli enemy is the main party to benefit from terrorism in the region, due to its greed for our land and natural resources. It will take advantage of every chance possible to reach its objectives and avidities. However, Lebanon will defend its right in its land, entity and resources by relying on the Lebanese Armed Forces that are in turn reinforced thanks to the support of the Lebanese people. Needless to say that the Lebanese Armed Forces shall confront any attempt to infringe the Lebanese assets or undermine them, regardless of the sacrifices.

The doctrine of the Lebanese Armed Forces is steadier than ever and its compass will remain stable and firmly aimed at defying the Israeli enemy and the threat of terrorism that only serves the Israeli interests and objectives.

Fellow troops

The internal security and stability that Lebanon is basking in has spread an atmosphere of tranquility and reassurance. It has turned Lebanon into a secure and stable oasis despite the critical economic and political situation that we are currently facing.

This situation places us in front of colossal responsibilities based on the fact that security and stability make the foundation of every form of prosperity. Therefore, we should be stepping up the hard work and exerting additional efforts with the aim of safeguarding our country and contributing to its prosperity and rise.

Fellow troops

I urge you to be up to the hopes of the Lebanese people particularly since you are entrusted with keeping Lebanon safe.

Yarzeh on 30/7/2018
Armed Forces Commander General Joseph Aoun

Schedule of the Ceremony

Timing	Details
8:25	Arrival of all official guests
8:30	Arrival of the Lebanese Army Flag
8:35	Arrival of Major General P.S.C, Chief of Staff
8:40	Arrival of the Armed Forces Commander
8:45	Arrival of His Excellency the Minister of National Defense
8:50	Arrival of His Excellency the Prime Minister
8:55	Arrival of His Excellency the Speaker
9:00	Arrival of His Excellency the President of the Lebanese Republic
	Placing a wreath of flowers before the memorial of martyr Lebanese Army officers
	Parade of the forces
	Handing over the Military Academy banner
	Naming the course
	Reading the decrees
	Handing over the swords
	The oath
	Speech of His Excellency the President of the Republic
	The Military Salute
	Special military parade
	Departure
	Commemorative photograph



Armed Forces Commander General Joseph Aoun during the honoring ceremony at the Lebanese Armed Forces Headquarters



His Excellency the President of the Republic General Michel Aoun visiting Fouad Chehab Academy for Command and Staff



Armed Forces Commander General Joseph Aoun participating in a blood donation campaign for the Lebanese Red Cross



Armed Forces Commander General Joseph Aoun in a field tour



Armed Forces Commander General Joseph Aoun stressing the importance of women's role in the military institution





Cadets of the Military Academy



Welcoming new cadets at the Military Academy



Hanging the aiguillette for First Year cadets



The location where the bodies of kidnapped martyr soldiers were found in the outskirts of Ersal



Land Border Regiments at the outskirts of the Eastern Mountain Range



Intensive drills for combat units designated to Motorized Infantry Brigades





Anti-Riot troops of the Intervention Regiments





Members of the Engineering Regiment dismantling IEDs and explosives





Loading weapons in preparation for missions



Heavy artillery shootings



Intensive drills for troops of Land Border Regiments



Armored vehicles during the preparations for combat maneuvers



Disembarkation drill for cadet officers off the coast of Nahr Ibrahim



Troops from the Airborne Regiment getting off a Bradley Armored Vehicle



A sniper during a surveillance and sniping operation



During a combat mission





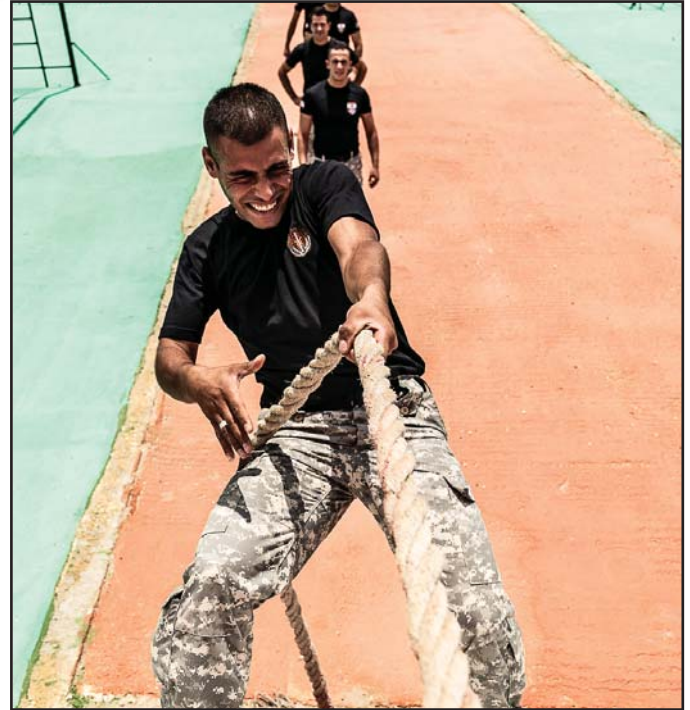
Troops from the Rangers Regiment performing combat missions and special operations in the woods



Intensive training for rangers at the Special Forces School



Combat missions for Mountain Combat companies part of the Rangers Regiment



Climbing and descent drill at the Special Forces School



Joint patrol with the UNIFIL in the South Litani region



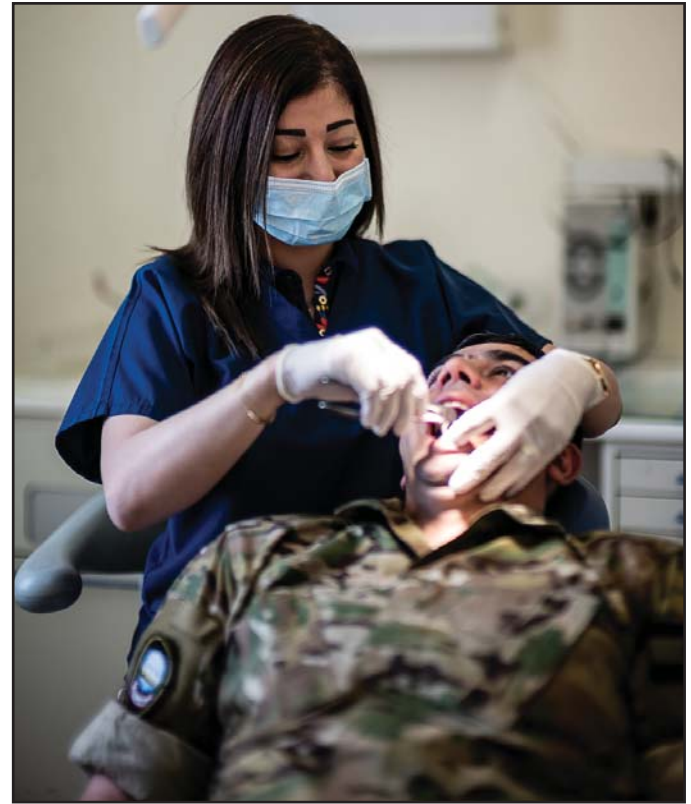
The vow during the graduation ceremony of female soldiers



Bolstering women's role and female training to perform combat missions



Troops of the Mountain Combat companies in the Rangers Regiment



Medical services provided by the Military Healthcare



The Super Tucano combat airplane at low altitude



Super Tucano pilots getting ready for take off



Loading the Super Tucano with missiles and rockets



The Super Tucano combat capabilities and high level of maneuverability



The Cessna airplane loaded with Hellfire rockets over the city of Beirut



Gazelle attack Helicopter



Surveillance of targets using state-of-the-art cameras



The Puma helicopter, modified and equipped with missiles and rockets



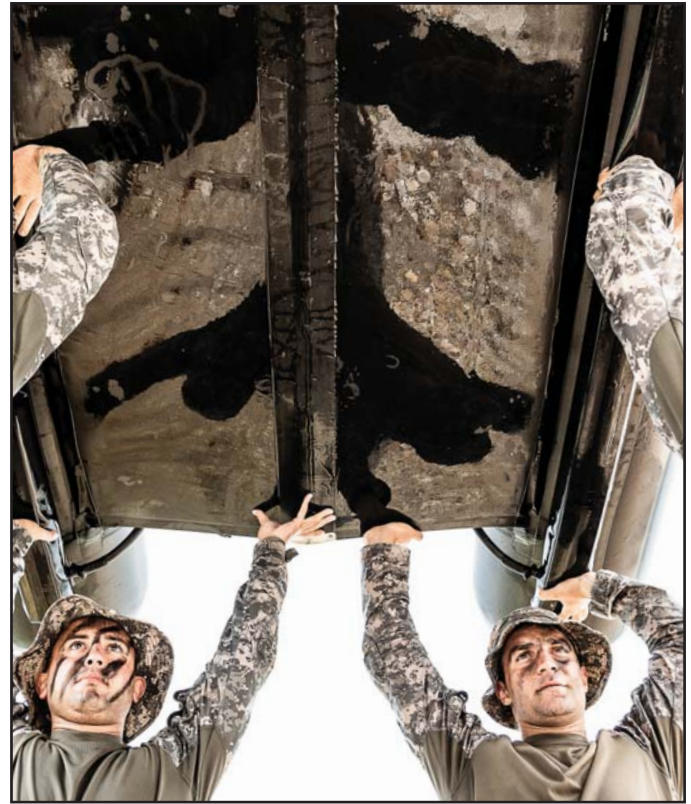
Inside the cockpit of the Huey helicopter





Members of the Navy Commandos performing landing drills from helicopters with the use of ropes





Drills of the Navy Commandos and Special Combat Operations Regiments



A diver from the Naval Forces



Transportation of infantry troops using disembarkation boats

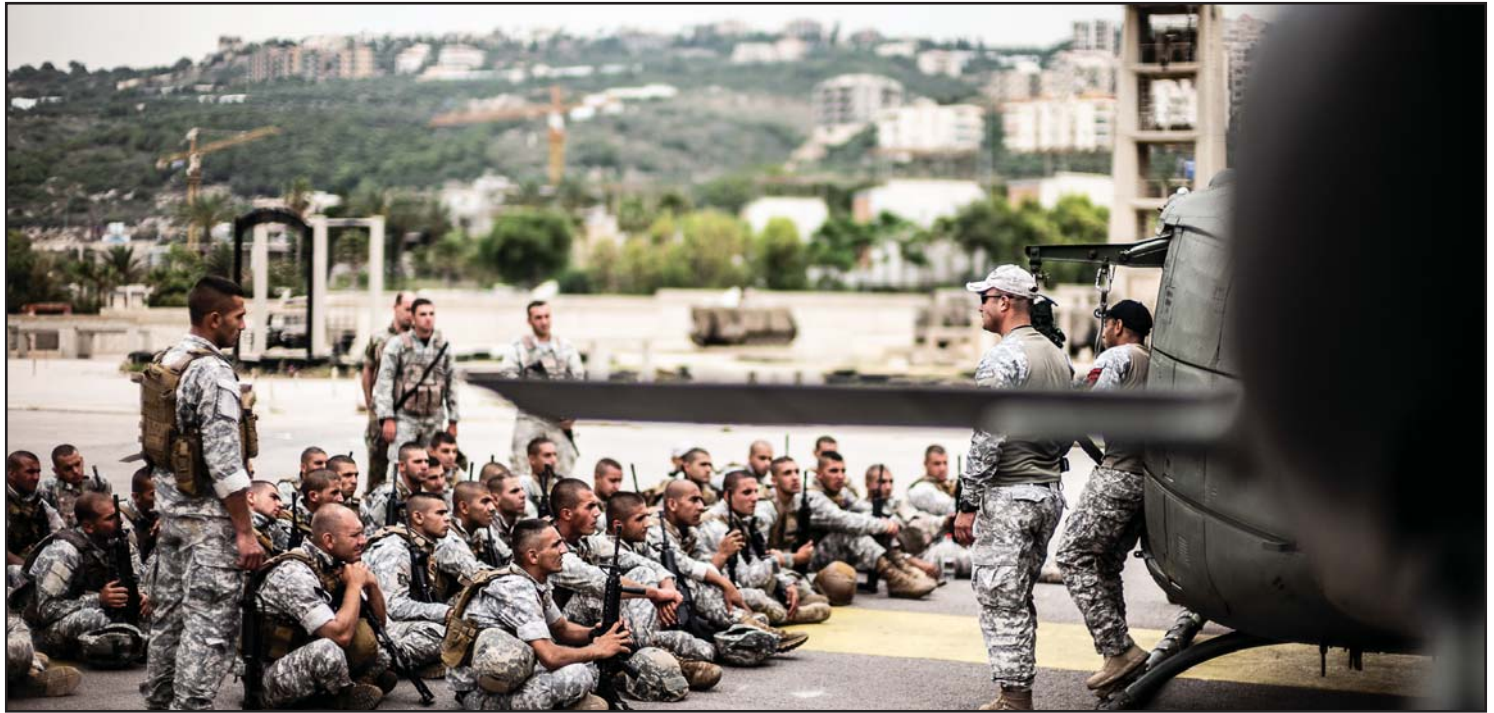


Search operation of a suspect ship performed by troops of the Naval Forces





Intensive drills and live fire shootings at the Special Operations School

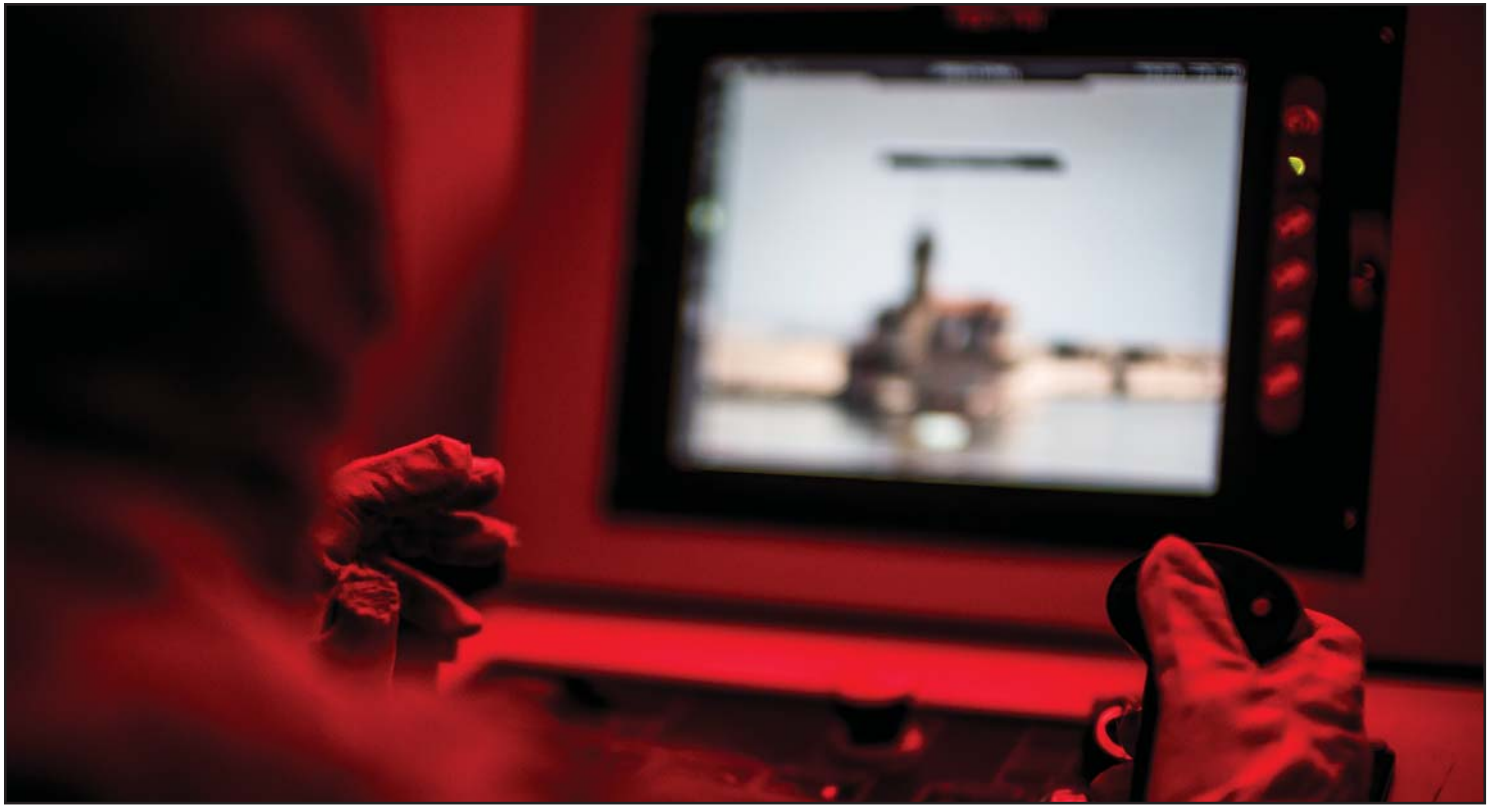




Navy Commandos drill at the Navy Commandos Regiment



Readying weapons and canons on board the boat "Tripoli"



Monitoring and locating targets at sea





Performing patrols and missions for the surveillance and protection of regional waters





